Jahi Mill at Warangal in Andhra Pradesh has been working below capacity *i.e.* only 7000 spindles out of 40,000 spindles;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the loom-shed and processing unit stopped working entirely and 40 looms were sold;

(c) whether Government have been delaying the provision of working capital and funds for modernisation; and

(d) if so, what is the amount likely to be sanctioned for the said purposes and by when it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Primarily on account of shortage of working capital, besides other factors including obsolete machinery, the Azam Jahi Mill is working below capacity.

(b) Weaving and processing have been curtailed because these activities have been found to be uneconomic. The Government has formulated a scheme for the purpose of training and redeployment of workers who opt for voluntary retirement under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) to enable them to set up powerloom/reeling units. 44 looms have been sold to workers opting for the VRS.

(c) and (d) The Textile Research Association had prepared plans for modernisation of the NTC mills, including the Azam Jahi Mill, involving an investment of Rs. 2005.72 crores. The Labour Ministry's Special Tripartite Committee on the NTC recommended that the NTC mills as well as its takenover mills can be made viable by modernisation as proposed by the Textile Research Associations. Action is underway to formalise the Government stand for acceptance by the BIFR so that the turn around plan can be implemented.

Sick Jute Mills

2837. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister OF TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jute Mills that have fallen sick in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to revive some of these sick jute mills;

(c) if so, details of those Jute Mills proposed to be revived; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY of TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Companies which have at the end of any financial year, accumulated losses equal to or exceeding their entire net worth make a reference to the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). According to available information, there are 39 cases registered with BIFR as on 5.7.1994.

(b) to (d) Government have set up BIFR to evolve and manage rehabilitation packages in respect of sick/closed viable mills.

Amount Spent on Advertisements

2838. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by Ministry of Textiles on advertisements given to Newspapers direct or through DAVP etc. during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94 language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): During 1992-93 and 1993-94, an expenditure of Rs.17,66,880/- and Rs. 26,83,263/- respectively has been incurred on advertisements through DAVP, directly by the Minsitry of Textiles. The language-wise break-up of expenditure is given at Statement.

Statement

Amount spent on advertisement by Ministry of Textiles during 1992-93 and 1993-94 through DAVP, language-wise

Sl. No.	Language	Amount spent during	
		1992-93 (in Rs.)	1993-94
1.	English	806503.00	807532.00
2.	Hindi	664712.00	894231.00
3.	Urdu	45192.00	128170.00
4.	Punajbi	20081.00	46066.00
5.	Marathi	29376.00	115886.00
6.	Gujarati	43961.00	217848.00
7.	Assamese	9430.00	25368.00
8.	Bengali	56649.00	119448.00
9.	Griya	14396.00	73764.00
10.	Tamil	16374.00	63190.00
11.	Telugu	16079.00	63263.00
12.	Mala alam	25605.00	69702.00
13.	Kannada	14952.00	47701.00
14.	Mizo	1540.00	3291.00
15.	Nepali	2030.00	—
16.	Sindhi	—	7803.00
	TOTAL:	1766880.00	2683263.00

Supply of Yarn at Reduced Rates

2839. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
PROF. I.G. SANADI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of the scheme of yarn supply by the Indian Cotton Mills Fedartion at reduced rates of Rs. 3 to Rs. 8 per kg of hank yarn to handlooms;

(b) what are the charges collected by the National Handloom Development Corporation January 1994 invoice rates;

(c) whether it is a fact that the charges collected by the National Handloom Development Corporation are more than the reduction of price offered by the textile mills; and

(d) whether any representation has been made to the development commissioner of handlooms for the waiving of the charges, if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Under the Indian Cotton Mills' Federation Scheme 20.21 lakh Kgs of cotton hank yarn has been supplied upto July 1994.

(b) National Handloom Development Corporation is charging 2% service charges from the buyer handloom organisations.

(c) National Handloom Development Corporation has supplied the material at